

U. S. FIGHTING MEN PUT TO THE TEST IN A HOSTILE CITY

Bluejackets and Marines Held
in Check, Though Eager
for Revenge.

SAW COMRADES KILLED
BY A TREACHEROUS FOE

Dealt Firmly With "Snipers" When
Permitted, But Waited for
the Command.

HOW VERA CRUZ IS RULED

Wingrove Bathon, The Star's Staff
Correspondent, Tells of Prob-
lems Confronting American
Forces in Mexican City.

Tribute to the self-restraint and dis-
cipline of the United States expedition-
ary force in Vera Cruz, who even though
their comrades are shot down in their
midst by sniper shooters, check their
zeal to avenge and obey orders, is paid
by Wingrove Bathon, staff correspond-
ent of The Star with the American
forces at Vera Cruz.

The delicate, dangerous, unfair posi-
tion of the United States troops who
have been ordered not to shoot except
under specific command, who are com-
pelled to uphold by their conduct the
policy of the United States that this
country is not making war against Mex-
icans, while pot shooters and malcon-
tents are sneaking ammunition through
their lines to pick them off from the
roofs—all this is told by The Star staff
correspondent, who has lived through
these stirring experiences with the mar-
ines and bluejackets.

Intimate Story of Trials.

In a series of letters printed herewith,
Mr. Bathon describes the troubles and
triumphs of the United States force in
Vera Cruz, which at the time of his
writing numbered 3,100, and hints at
questions of grave political concern that
the officers have to solve and which the
correspondents are barred from cabling
to their papers by the press censors.

Among these ticklish problems is how
to deal with the 1,200 malcontent pris-
oners in the cuartels, whom they cannot
try by court-martial and who cannot be
executed before the United States. He
also how worried by their work about
the city these troops have been forced
to sleep in the streets, driven out of
their barracks because there had been
smallpox and spinal meningitis patients
there before them. This is an intimate
story of the hardships of Uncle Sam's
boys at Vera Cruz.

MICHIGAN'S DEATH TOLL

BY WINGROVE BATHON.

Staff Correspondent of The Star with the Amer-
ican Expeditionary Force at Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 22 (by mail
steamer).—The Michigan, in common with
the other battalions of the fleet, tonight
paid her toll of life.

The patriotism which has found its
most recent expression in the demand
that the flag shall be honored was
brought home to the men of the Mich-
igan in the death of Chief Gunner's
Mate Boswell under circumstances which
are typical of the splendid behavior of
the men of the fleet in the present cir-
cumstances at Vera Cruz.

When the Michigan landed, the com-
pany of this ship, went ashore when the
Michigan's battalion was landed, this
afternoon, in the first company (the artil-
lery company), because he was in gen-
eral charge of the field pieces of the
Michigan's battalion. He was a first-class
man, highly thought of by his offi-
cers and was about to be made a tor-
pedo gunner's mate.

Shots From House-tops.

Shots had been fired from the house-
tops almost ever since the Michigan
landed. The men came ashore. The artil-
lery company in which Boswell was
located was between two infantry com-

ppanies of the Michigan's outfit. Because
the shots from the house-tops were
marched with eyes on the buildings
through which they passed, and with
rifles trained threateningly at their un-
seen enemies.

Then came the shot that struck Bos-
well in the main street of Vera Cruz, as
the men marched to take up their in-
tended position in the barracks of the
10th Federal Mexican Infantry.

As Boswell fell, there was, just for a
second, a glancing at officers by the men,
and the command came to a halt. Lieut.
Commander Greenleaf and Lieut.
Thomas got a squad together in a few
minutes to go into the buildings through
which the march had been made.

Four Mexicans were found and arrest-
ed in one of the upper stories of one
of the buildings. The battalion had
moved on. The squad followed. An-
other squad took Boswell's body back
to the landing and from there to the
Solace.

The officers of the Michigan's bat-
talion say that as they walked
that one of their number had been as-
saulted in cold blood, it was "touch
and go" for a moment what they would
do in that block of the Avenida Inde-
pendencia. True to their training, how-
ever, the men of the Michigan, as have
the men of all the battalions, stood fast,
and took no revenge.

Men Ashore at Vera Cruz.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 23 (by
mail steamer).—Nine battalions of the
Atlantic fleet have each landed approxi-
mately 300 men in this city, making a
total of 2,700 of these men, the ships be-
ing the Arkansas, Florida, Utah, Mich-
igan, New Jersey, New Hampshire, Ver-
mont, Minnesota and South Carolina.
The Louisiana, the other battleship here
with the fleet, has not yet landed, nor
do in that block of the Avenida Inde-
pendencia. True to their training, how-
ever, the men of the Michigan, as have
the men of all the battalions, stood fast,
and took no revenge.

Malcontents in Prison.

If there were here a case of actual
war, defined as such, courts-martial
might solve this problem. But the Mex-
ican people have been told that the
United States is not at war with Mex-
icans. These people, these malcon-
tents, cannot be turned over to the
Mexican courts, the magistrates of
Vera Cruz, with the expectation that
any impartial judgment of their cases
may be had. In the first place the
magistrates refuse to sit. In the sec-
ond place if any consented to sit he
would do so only under Mexican law
and would throw out of court, under
the statutes, any case brought before
him of one who had fired, killed, or
attempted to kill in defense of his
country.

What is to become of these prisoners
who have shot down American blue-
jackets and marines is a question that
will give the gravest concern to those
in charge of the Vera Cruz expedi-
tionary force. There are tonight 1,200
of these prisoners in various cuartels.
They are being fed and well taken
care of in other respects. Even in the
hospital San Sebastian, where there
are a number of attempted assassins,
nurses and surgeons ministering to their
needs, in co-operation with the Vera Cruz
authorities and the Sisters of Mercy.

Dealing With Sniper Shooters.

VERA CRUZ, Mex. April 21 (by mail
steamer).—As the Fortino Diaz plaza
are established the four landing bat-
talions of the Michigan, the Louisiana,
the Minnesota and the North Dakota.
Here it is that the Michigan men have
taken their stand after an exciting
night. In this plaza, beautiful with
cocoanut palms and roses in full
bloom, death has looked upon these
men all night. In this plaza, where
stands the statue of Benito Juarez, a
George Washington of this country,
the officers and men of the Michigan
landing battalion believe, this morn-
ing, that they have found a way to
bring liberty in this city, at last, not
only to the men of the expeditionary
force, but to Vera Cruzanos, as well.
That is by taking up each case of
sniper shooting as it comes.

When the Michigan men landed they
went into the 15th Regular Infantry
barracks, with the other men of that
regiment, the 3d Regiment of the Naval
Brigade. Consul Canada sent a message
advising headquarters to get out of that
place, as it seemed they were to keep
on moving, the Michigan men began to

move after the "sniper shooters." They
"took up" in real, serious earnest each
case of "sniper shooting" that occurred.
They wanted a little liberty, a little
peace. They were tired of having
some Vera Cruzanos run up and say
he had been nearly killed by one of
his fellow-citizens' bullets and wanted
protection, and exceedingly tired of
being shot at themselves.

In Vera Cruz many houses connect
with each other, especially on the
roofs. Those familiar with recent Mex-
ican history will remember how Felix
Diaz got into the United States consul-
ate from the roof of a nearby hotel,
where he was escaping Huerta's men,
and came aboard the Michigan.

Not Allowed to Rest.

So the Michigan men began to go up
spiral staircases and through dark cor-
ridors, hunting for their "sniper shoot-
ers." In every case they investigated
they found at least one Mexican, per-
haps two, three or four.

Lieut. Commander J. W. Greenleaf,
in charge of this Michigan battalion, said
to me today:

"After clearing the entire infantry bar-
racks we settled down in comfortable
quarters, but at 8 p.m. were driven out
into the cold world because the doctors
decided the barracks were full of spinal
meningitis and smallpox. Pleasant."

"So we bunked in the avenue in front
of the variety theater and were very
comfortable under God's own sky. In
addition we patrolled one section of the
city all night."

"Our men are splendid and our control
over them practically perfect. I
could not say too much for them."

He added:
"It takes some nerve to do what these



MAP OF MEXICO
SHOWING LOCATION
OF
United States Consulates.
United States Forts on Border.
Principal Federal Garrisons.

their journals, the fact remains that the
future of Mexico, rather than the neces-
sities of the moment, furnishes a problem
for officers in charge here that ought
to give the public at home the gravest
concern.

For instance, tonight every jail and
prison in this city is filled with mal-
contents charged with having arms and
ammunition in their possession con-
trary to the orders of the command-
ing officer of the fleet.

Who is to try these malcontents?
Of what can they be convicted, except
from "Mexican army of occupation?"

Arms Hid in Their Beds.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 26 (by
mail steamer).—Capt. A. P. Niblack,
commanding the battleship Michigan,
has succeeded Capt. Simpson, command-
ing the battleship Minnesota, in com-
mand of the 3d Regiment, which holds
the left front of the American forces
now invested in and surrounding Vera
Cruz between the city and the troops of
Gen. Maas.

Capt. Simpson returned to the Min-
nesota last night, on which ship Charles
d'Affaires O'Shaughnessy has been quar-
tered.

This apparently peaceful Sunday in
Vera Cruz has been broken, Capt. Nib-
lack tells me, by the capture in the
Municipal Hospital opposite this square
of twenty-three pretended convalescent

men are doing. We tell the officers, "Take
two sounds and search that house."

Eighteen men run up, twice as many
more volunteer, half stay on the outside
to watch the roof, and between us, as
somehow, we get these "sniper shooters,"
and their guns and ammunition, too.
Spiral staircase work, such as we have
had to do, is pretty good work, I think.
These fellows never know what they are
going to meet at the top of these stair-
cases."

A story is being told this afternoon in
the Michigan outfit about the patrol of
Ensign Roth, fired on last night by
"snipers." Roth slept on the sidewalk,
before his turn came to go on duty. A
"sniper" came, easily, around the cor-
ner and before the men could wake their
officer with the butts of their rifles they
saw their chance, and four of them fired,
again and again. Roth says the assassin
bled to death, he had so many wounds.

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Smart Spring and Summer
Ready-to-wear Suits

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IF BACK HURTS BEGIN ON SALTS

Flush Your Kidneys Occasion-
ally if You Eat Meat
Regularly.

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meat regularly can make a mistake
by flushing the kidneys occasionally,
says a well known authority.
Meat forms uric acid which clogs
the kidney pores so they sluggishly
filter or strain only part of the
waste and poisons from the blood,
then you get sick. Nearly all
rheumatism, headaches, liver trou-
ble, nervousness, constipation, diz-
ziness, sleeplessness, bladder dis-
orders come from sluggish kid-
neys.

The moment you feel a dull
ache in the kidneys or your back
hurts, or if the urine is cloudy, off-
ensive, full of sediment, irregular
of passage or attended by a sensa-
tion of scalding, get about four
counries of Jad Salts from any re-
liable pharmacy and take a table-
spoonful in a glass of water before
breakfast for a few days and your
kidneys will then act fine. This
famous salts is made from the acid
of grapes and lemon juice, com-
bined with lithia, and has been
used for generations to flush clog-
ged kidneys and stimulate them to
activity, also to neutralize the
acids in urine so it no longer
causes irritation, thus ending blad-
der disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and can-
not injure; makes a delightful ef-
fervescent lithia-water drink which
all regular meat eaters should take
now and then to keep the kidneys
clean and the blood pure, thereby
avoiding serious kidney complica-
tions.

Agent, O'Donnell's Drug Store.



CAPT. ALBERT P. NIBLACK,
U. S. M. Nigun.

revolver which he may be carrying to
some "snipe shooter" in the loft of a
nearby building. The ensigns from the
navy ships and the lieutenants from the
Marine Corps turn their backs upon
some of these proceedings.

An American officer walks briskly up
to a store or residence, dismounts be-
hind him, and in "click-click," icy fash-
ion, as one who cocks a gun, says: "I'm
in charge here."

As a contrast to this may be seen the
movement through the city of the cap-
tain of H. M. S. Essex, carrying the British flag; then
comes Capt. Watson, followed by an aid,
four pages to the rear, an orderly; be-
hind, a guard of four men. Twice a
day, most formally, morning and after-
noon, he visits the British consulate,
learns of the situation of his country-
men, and is ready to act in their behalf.
As has been told of today in the cables
describing the search for the British res-
idents between here and Mexico City, who
started for Vera Cruz from the capital
and found themselves stalled, with the
landlord out.

News of Army's Coming.

VERA CRUZ, Mexico, April 23 (by
mail steamer).—The question arises to-
night—as news is received on shore and
in the fleet that a brigade of the army
has been ordered here from Galveston—
how long will this expeditionary force be
known as such, and when will "head-
quarters" begin to date its reports as
from "Mexican army of occupation?"

Questions of a political character are
necessarily constantly arising, and al-
though the cable censor will not permit
the correspondents who are making their
reports by cable to send advice of a
political or semi-editorial character to

Mexicans with arms in their coats, "snipe
shooters" from whom all danger was
supposed yesterday to have passed.

The fact illustrates the situation. De-
spite the most drastic measures against
the Vera Cruzanos, who have hidden
arms and ammunition and who have
"pot-shotted" Americans, the attempt to
continue this work of assassinating Ameri-
cans could use hospital for such work,
they do, and today's incident proves
it.

Threats of executing Mexicans
found with arms have proved unavail-
ing. These people, when taken, tell of
a high spirit of patriotism notwithstanding
the fact that it is evidenced in a
manner contrary to the American point
of view.

"Pot-shooting," on the whole, however,
has considerably abated today. The con-
tinued confiscation of arms has brought
this about. Today the relentless and im-
placable search continues, and as force
of entry is used, the result is that the
treacherous Mexican in order to obtain
revenge upon his fellow-citizen who is
his enemy, is often turning informant.
This is just what the American authori-
ties want.

The Vera Cruzanos, notwithstanding
these precautionary measures, give every
evidence today of being a light-hearted
people. The city is a city of shopkeep-
ers to a great extent, and the Vera Cruz-
anos, with the influx of the Americans,
has flowed in here in plenty, "gold not
Mex." All the stores have been open to-
day, although wartime prices prevail.
As the rate of exchange is about three
to one, such a sack of fuel costs \$100,
about. This, necessarily, is utterly be-
yond the reach of the poor people and
what food they get they eat raw.

Music in the Cafes.

All the cantinas (cafes-saloons) are
open and music orchestras playing in
them. In the Plaza Independencia the
bands of the battleships Utah and Flor-
ida have alternated in furnishing public
concerts. In accordance with Admiral
Fletcher's desire that the Vera Cruzanos
shall see that the Americans are well
disposed and that they should not be
slain from behind third-story shutters.

In this Plaza Independencia, the prin-
cipal square, the Florida's band this
morning played on "La Parroquia,"
the principal church, a great congrega-
tion with no less a piece of music
than "The Star Spangled Banner." Many
foreigners were present, English, French,
German, Spanish, as well as sailors
and marines from the fleet, who
obtained leave from sentry duty for
other similar work for the occasion.

The work here since Tuesday and
Wednesday has been hard upon every-
one—a great strain has been ex-
perienced. All sorts and conditions of
people took the opportunity to mingle to-
gether in this great church of "La
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together, and many such who de-
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person who will fill your need.

Tough!

Gentle to population of restaurants—
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